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In re Application of

Shinji KAWASAKI et al

Group Art Unit: 1773

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For: POROUS MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION
THEREOF, AND HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on August 23, 2007 to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 12-21, and Group II, claims 22-31. Attempts to convey a telephone election have been unsuccessful.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative hereby makes a provisional election to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 12-21) in this application. This provisional election is specifically made with traverse since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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